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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer time and able to get some time to relax and refresh. We are sending out this update to make sure everyone knows about everything that has been going on with the Texas Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

We have recently switched management services teams and now are collaborating with AMI (Association Management Inc.) who also oversee several other state ACP chapters, and this has been an excellent transition. They know how ACP works and have been an asset already. What you will notice is some different email links to get in touch with us and some design changes in both our emails and the websites.

The Board of Directors of the Texas ACP had a recent meeting and discussed the direction and strategy of the chapter. Our Mission is to promote quality healthcare for all Texans by strengthening the practice of Internal Medicine. Part of this discussion was a redesign of our current committee structure. We have streamlined our committees to focus on our three priorities, which are Education, Member Engagement, and Advocacy. The Education Committee will focus on our Chapter Meetings, Resident and Fellow Events, Medical Students, and the General Internal Medicine Preceptorship Program (GIMSPP). Member Engagement will prioritize themselves with Wellness, Communications, Women in Medicine, and Early Career Physician activities. The Advocacy Committee will focus on Health & Public Policy issues under TXACP Services. Please consider volunteering to participate in our committees. I am sure you will find something that feeds your passion in medicine.



GIMSPP Updates: We are currently in the time of year that we have placed students into the General Internal Medicine Preceptorship Program. We have placed 150 students with 113 preceptors and always have a high student demand for spots. As a preceptor, you mentor first and second-year medical students in your general internal medicine practice for two to four weeks. In doing so, you will play a crucial role in shaping the future of MS1 & MS2 students as primary care physicians by immersing them in the day-to-day operations of your internal medicine practice. ...Continue Reading on Page 3.

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I was a GIMSPP student many years ago and it definitely impacted my future career choice. This goes a long way in showing new learners the fun and value of Internal Medicine. The main requirements are the preceptor must be board certified in internal medicine with a current Texas medical license and preceptors must practice at least 40% general internal medicine apart from any subspecialty. Students can precept in the hospital, as well. Please consider volunteering to be a preceptor in the future. To those who have participated we really Thank You!!! You are a blessing and true guide for these students.

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Chapter Highlights: We recently had our National ACP meeting and the Texas Chapter had an amazing turnout for attendance and participation. We had 472 attendees and we had members giving lectures, posters, simulations, and our Doctors Dilemma team put up an excellent fight in a tough competition. We also had numerous award winners and many member inductees as new Fellows and Masters. We had an excellent reception and many people made it out for some food and Ping Pong. We really loved seeing all of you at the conference and look forward to next year!

Our very own Governor Dr. Roger Khetan is now Chair Elect of the Board of Governors! Congratulations Dr. Khetan! Please make sure to save the date for the Texas ACP Annual Meeting. This will be at a great venue where you can get CME, network, and enjoy some down time, as well. See the flyer below. The Medical Students and Residents will have abstract competitions and the call for abstracts has already been sent out for both. Please encourage your learners to submit. We will also have the Doctors Dilemma competition for the team who will hopefully compete at national from Texas. We have been up to quite a bit, but we are here for you. So, please let us know if there are items or thoughts you would like us to address.



Austin Metting, MD, FACP
President, Texas Chapter of the American College of Physicians

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Hey y'all!! It's great to be with you and bring you news of the Texas chapter- the best chapter around. We had a fantastic strategic retreat in June and Dr Metting and Dr Payne (Presidents of Texas ACP and ACP services) are looking to bring in new voices and invigorate our committees to help all of us in our professional home.

[Texas ACP Committee Sign Up Here](#)

In September, we have a meeting Boston to discuss some resolutions regarding requests from all the ACP chapters. Comment period will begin July 29th. Please review it and let us know your thoughts as your Governors want to insure we vote your thoughts and wishes. We have awards coming up in time for this fall and winter, and if you could look at the list of awards, all of us would appreciate you thinking of someone you admire and see if you would nominate that person for an award. It is a great way to recognize our everyday heroes in Internal Medicine and our subspecialties. We always love having a huge cadre of nominations to choose from during this time of year.

Speaking of heroes, I would like to thank all of our preceptors and the students who participated in the General Internal Medicine Student Preceptor Program (GIMSPP) this past summer. It was a great time to see these young minds in clinic and hospitals learning what makes Internal Medicine and its subspecialties so much fun to practice. Congratulations to these students and the preceptors as it is truly a great program to get people involved in enjoying this great profession.

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[President's Message Archives](#)

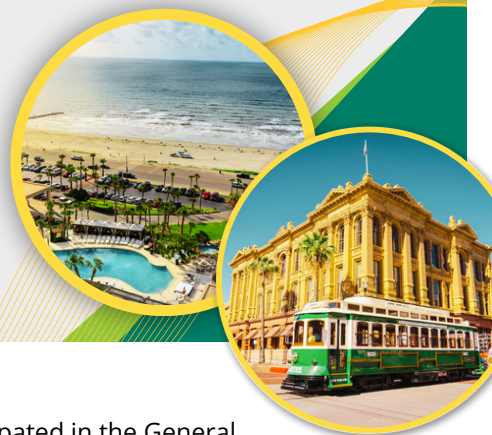
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ACP Texas Chapter
American College of Physicians
Leading Better Medicine Everywhere

2024 Annual Chapter Meeting

November 16th - 17th, 2024
San Luis Resort | Galveston, Texas

[Learn More Here](#)



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Lastly, I just saw the notice of President Biden not going forward for the election. NO matter what happens in the election; WE are physicians, and we will advocate for our patients needs as well as our needs. Healthcare is a bipartisan issue, and we will advocate for the patient physician relationship, better reimbursement, and a continued improvement for the physicians coming up through the ranks with GME to name a few. It will be an interesting next four months, and we will have a lot of stuff to discuss at our meeting.

Till we meet again, keep up the great work and very thankful for all of you.



Roger S. Khetan
MD FACP
Governor Texas
Northern Region



Alejandro Moreno
MBBS JD MPHMACP
Governor Texas
Southern Region



Cynthia Jumper
MD MACP
Governor-Elect Texas
Northern Region



2024 CHAPTER AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN!

Recognize an outstanding physician in Internal Medicine through the following chapter awards. Presentations take place November 16th at the Annual Meeting in Galveston:

- Texas Chapter Laureate
- Volunteerism & Community Service
- Snyder/Chumley Advocate of the Year
- Early Career Physician Leader
- ***New*** Resilience Award

Deadline for Nominations is August 21st, so nominate a physician today!

[Nominate Here Today](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TEXAS ACP FELLOWS

These newly elected members join more than 1,700 colleagues in the state who have been elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP). The distinction recognizes achievements in internal medicine, the specialty of adult medical care.

Elected to FACP July 1st

Texas Northern

Arti Ameet, MD FACP
Dipesh R Bista, MD FACP
Shawnta R Pittman-Hobbs, MD FACP
Cherese M Wiley, MD FACP

Elected to FACP March 1st

Texas Northern

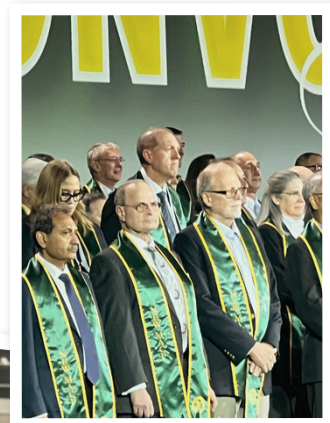
Katherina Avila, MD FACP
Austin Baraki, MD FACP
Hema P Bohra, DO FACP
Srinivasa R Madhavan, MD FACP

Texas Southern

Susan L Andrew, MD FACP
Scott W Clitheroe, MD FACP
Candice Dunn, MD FACP
Jocelyn Juarez, MD FACP
Deobrat C Mallick, MD FACP
Rebecca Nekolaichuk, MD FACP
Edward C Sankary, MD FACP

Texas Southern

Johanna Busch, MD PhD FACP
Cynthia Cantu, AHP DO FACP
Vajeelha V Sadi, MD FACP



BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

Want to take on a new leadership role representing your colleagues? We invite you to submit a nomination or self-nominate today!

The Board sets policy and provides leadership for TXACP, including planning strategically for the Chapter's growth; determining our mission, goals, and strategic priorities; and allocating resources within the chapter.

The chapter is seeking candidates to serve as Regional Directors (for up to three-year terms) starting November 2024. Members are selected annually by a nominations committee and a slate will be presented to members in September and then distributed for a final vote by the Texas Chapter of the ACP membership. Election of new Officers and Directors will take place as part of the Annual Business Meeting in November.

Regional Residents Elections are in process and the five elected Resident Representatives to the Board will be announced following the outcome of applicable elections.

Nominations will be accepted through August 20th, 2024.

*Check Out the Texas ACP Board of Directors
Job Descriptions on Page 7*

Texas Chapter of the ACP Positions to be filled include:

- Regional Director (Northeast Region)
- Regional Director (Southeast Region)
- At-Large Director
- Medical Student Directors (Open to Current SIG Medical School Presidents, or Designated Leader) (x2)
- Resident Director (Open to current Resident/Fellows in a Texas IM Residency Program) (x3)

How to Submit

[Submit Your
Nominations Here](#)

Questions?

Please contact the chapter office with questions by email to Office@txacp.org.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS OPEN ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING 2024!



[Resident Abstract Submission
Form Here](#)



ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES



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TEXAS ACP BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOB DESCRIPTIONS

as Adopted by the Texas Chapter of the ACP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Basic Role

- The Board sets policy and provides overall leadership for the Texas Chapter of the ACP, including the mission, goals, priorities and resource allocation.
- The Board ensures accountability for all resources by establishing goals, developing a strategic plan, and monitoring the progress of the plan in relationship to the goals and budget.
- Board members act on behalf of all Texas ACP members. They have the responsibility to be well informed about issues before the Board and the association, actively involve themselves in Board decision-making and support Board decisions.
- Board members have no corporate authority as individuals, only when they are part of officially called meetings.
- Board members are personally accountable for fulfilling all duties and responsibilities.

Duties and Responsibilities

Board members have the following broad duties:

- To attend Board meetings and actively participate in the decision-making process.
- To prepare for each board meeting by carefully studying the agenda and supporting materials.
- To advise the president or executive director when attendance at a Board meeting or activity is not possible.
- To clarify and sustain the Texas Chapter of the ACP's vision, mission, and values.
- To provide information, ideas and suggestions from the membership to the Board and communicate the activities and ideas of the Board to the members.
- To participate actively in the deliberations of issues relevant to the medical society management profession.
- To represent and promote the Texas Chapter of the ACP to the profession by maintaining a working knowledge of the chapters operations and services.
- To represent the chapter by identification as a Board member and acting as ambassador for the chapter when attending other meetings.
- To approve and support the financial and program goals established in the yearly operating budget to assure the Texas ACP's financial stability.
- To participate in establishing the strategic plan and act as a spokesperson to support and communicate the plan's goals and objectives to the membership.
- To actively recruit new members.
- To identify members who are not serving on committees and task forces, and encourage their involvement.
- To welcome new members as assigned and report results to the Texas Chapter.
- To contact delinquent members as assigned and report results to the Texas Chapter.
- To serve, as assigned by the president, on Board committees or on special task forces of the Board.
- To attend all social events at the Annual Conference.
- To attend the chapter receptions at ACP meetings.
- To finance their own participation as a Board member.
- In-person Board Meetings are held: During Annual Meeting, Winter (Jan/Feb) and Summer (June)

RESOLUTIONS

Fall 2024 Resolutions

Ten resolutions will be considered at the Fall 2024 Board of Governors (BOG) Meeting. Thank you to all who submitted their feedback! Your Governor will use your comments as part of his testimony on behalf of the Texas Chapter. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Giampietro, BOG Administrator, at chapter@acpmembership.org.

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Call for Spring 2025 Resolutions

Are you concerned about a practice or clinical issue or have an idea you would like to suggest? If so, you might consider submitting a resolution to your Governor or chapter council.

Initiating a resolution provides ACP members an opportunity to focus attention at the ACP national level on a particular issue or topic that concerns them. Participating in the Board of Governors resolutions process provides the ACP grassroots member a voice and allows you to shape College policy that impacts the practice of internal medicine.

Not sure how to begin drafting a resolution? Researching the College's position on an issue can give you a start. The [ACP Board of Governors Resolutions Guide for ACP Members](#) is available to download and will help, too. The Guide was created to provide members a short overview of the resolutions process essentials and highlights critical ACP online resources you must use.

Once drafted, members must submit resolutions to their Governor and/or chapter council. Chapter council approval is required to move resolutions forward to ACP national. Although not official ACP policy, a resolution becomes property of the chapter once the chapter council approves forwarding it to national. If effecting change interests you, the deadline for submitting new resolutions to be heard at the Spring 2025 Board of Governors Meeting is September 27th, 2024.

Share your good idea with us. Draft a resolution.

New ACP Paper Calls for Evidence-Based Public Health Approach to Cannabis Regulation

The new position paper published in Annals of Internal Medicine, "[Regulatory Framework for Cannabis: A Position Paper from the American College of Physicians](#)," urges policymakers to adopt a public health approach to cannabis regulation. In the paper, ACP provides recommendations on incorporating a public health approach to controlling cannabis in jurisdictions where it is legal, supporting ongoing research into the effects of cannabis use, providing insurance coverage of treatment for cannabis use disorder, and including information about cannabis in medical education.

American Society of Nephrology Now Accepting Application for New Loan Mitigation Program

The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) is accepting applications for the ASN Loan Mitigation Program as a part of its continued efforts in celebrating diversity in nephrology. The program funds up to six applicants, providing each successful candidate \$50,000 to reduce their loan burden over three years. Awards will center on individuals who have experienced personal or family hardship that has affected the need for financial assistance. Committed to increasing diversity at all levels of the society and the specialty, ASN strongly encourages diverse applicants to the Loan Mitigation Program.

The program's application period begins July 23rd, 2024, and ends on August 21st, 2024. Visit the [ASN Loan Mitigation Program](#) webpage for application requirements and to apply.

REGIONAL RESIDENT DAY EVENT

Congratulations to participants of the Regional Resident Day Events held this Spring! The winning vignettes of the Clinical Vignette competition are invited to present their case in a podium presentation at the state meeting this November! Thank you host programs, judges and volunteers.

Far Northwest Region Doctor's Dilemma and Clinical Vignettes hosted by TTUHSC El Paso
May 3rd and May 9th

1st Place to Dr. Sukhila Reddy, Dr. Lakshmi Kattamuri, Dr. Aditi Kothari, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso- Alberta Campus (and reigning state champs)

1st Place Clinical Vignette awarded to Dr. Eder Luna Ceron and Dr. Shivangni Duggal, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso -Alberta Campus

ACP Far Northwest Region Clinical Case Presentation hosted by TTUHSC - Lubbock
Clinical Vignette Winner: Dr. Abbie Evans, TTUHSC -Lubbock Additional regional events will follow next month by 2024 hosts HCA Healthcare Kingwood, UT SW and BSW Health Temple.



Proposed 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule is Out: Learn About the Wins and Concerns

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the proposed 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. While many of the provisions in the proposed Medicare Physician Fee Schedule could help to strengthen primary care and drive equity and innovation, congressional action is needed to prevent payment cuts and preserve access to telehealth.

Promising provisions that ACP has long advocated for and were in the proposed rule include, allowing the G2211 to be billed on the same day as an annual wellness visit (AWV), vaccine administration or any Medicare Part B preventive service and permanently covering audio-only telehealth services. Additional information about what was included in the proposed 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and what Congress needs to do to preserve access are in ACP's [press release](#).

ACP'S CAREER 2024 CONNECTION SUMMER CAREER GUIDE IS HERE!

Check out ACP's 2024 Summer Career Guide for insights on rural physician recruitment, climbing to the C-suite and more.

Explore now at careers.acponline.org before it's gone on September 1st, 2024.

